

## REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending in the present application before the preliminary amendment as set forth above. Among them, claims 3-11, 13, 15-19 and 22 were in the form of multiple dependent claims. By the preliminary amendment, claims 3-11, 13, 15-20, 22 and 23 are amended.

In the preliminary amendment, as set forth above, claims 10, 20 and 23 have been amended for correcting informalities. Furthermore, claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 22 have been amended to be dependent only from amended claim 1, and claims 6, 9 and 17 have been amended to be dependent from amended claims 5, 8 and 16, respectively.

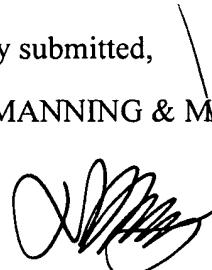
Support for the preliminary amendment set forth above can be found in the claims and the disclosure as originally filed. The applicant asserts that no new matter is added.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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